



**UNITED STATES ARMY  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF**

January 26, 2004

Major General N. Ross Thompson III  
Commanding General  
United States Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command  
Warren, Michigan 48397-5000

Dear General ~~Thompson~~ <sup>Ross</sup>:

The work of the Department of the Army civilians at Anniston Army Depot and Rock Island Arsenal is exemplary. They are working double 12-hour shifts, 7 days a week, to help solve the armor problem for our HMMWV's. I am inspired by their efforts, which are saving lives every day.

On behalf of our Soldiers deployed around the world, please thank these employees for all they do, day in and day out, for the Army and our Nation. We truly appreciate their extraordinary efforts to protect our Soldiers who are in harm's way.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter J. Schoomaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "P".

Peter J. Schoomaker  
General, United States Army